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To: Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) Sponsors

Subject: SFS-19-69 2019 State Agency Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) Updates

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The intent of this memo is to inform SFSP Sponsoring Organizations that on **Thursday, March 28, 2019**, the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE), Division of Nutrition Support (DNS), submitted a **2019 Offer versus Serve (OVS) SFSP Waiver Request** on behalf of the State of Louisiana to USDA for review and consideration.

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#### WHAT THIS MEANS FOR SFSP SPONSORS GOING FORWARD:

- If the state receives approval from USDA National Office (NO) to directly grant approval of use of OVS with the SFSP Meal Pattern, the 2019 SFSP Online Application will be updated (at the facility-level) to accommodate OVS SFSP Meal Pattern requests through this platform.
- Therefore, it would be through the CNP Online System's 2019 SFSP Application that LDOE DNS would make decisions regarding approval of use of OVS with the SFSP Meal Pattern.
- Please note that sponsors who have already planned to go forward with their 2019 SFSP without use of OVS may continue to proceed accordingly. Should the state be granted approval to directly approve OVS sponsor requests, no sponsor would be required to opt in.
- Any sponsor that has already completed a 2019 OVS Waiver Request and forwarded this request along for consideration, will receive their approval through the original channels that were determined (from USDA NO, who, in turn will notify USDA SWRO and then the State).

#### WHAT ABOUT OTHER WAIVER OPTIONS:

- Any sponsor that still wishes to request a waiver in any of the remaining categories (use of "area eligibility" for establishing Closed-Enrolled (CE) Site Eligibility, Program Monitoring Flexibility, and/or Meal Service Length/Timing Flexibilities) would need to do so through the previously defined process (see memo SFS 19-63 which provides the direct link to the prototype waiver template, along with instruction on how/where to submit requests). In following this process, all completed waiver forms must be forwarded to the state for initial review. The state will then forward the waiver request and any associated backup/documentation to USDA for further processing/ consideration.

Please also note that as per the CNP Memo SFS 19-35, and as confirmed by USDA SWRO, which can be directly accessed [here](#), Closed-Enrolled sites *may* also qualify for free eligibility through use of Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) **Site**-Level Data (if such data is available in the attendance area of the meal service site and such data yields a percentage of 50% or greater [Identified Student Percentage (ISP) x 1.6 multiplier]).

If you have any questions regarding the Waiver Process or updates provided through this memo, please contact Shanna Legier, SFSP Coordinator, by phone (225-342-9661) or email ([Shanna.Legier@la.gov](mailto:Shanna.Legier@la.gov)).